



Moapa Valley Town Advisory Board

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**WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2015 AT 7 P.M.
MOAPA VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER, OVERTON**

MVTAB members: Chair Michael Otero, Vice-Chair Ann Markle, Marjorie Holland, Gene Houston; Allen Johnson

MVTAB members absent:

Secretary: Northeast Office Staff

Town Liaison: Janice Ridondo, District B -

Posting Locations: Moapa Valley Community Center; Overton Post Office; Logandale Post Office; Logandale Chevron

MEETING MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. Please silence all electronic devices; and take all private conversations outside the room.
- B. Conformance with Nevada Open Meeting Law- **CONFIRMED**
- C. Invocation and pledge. **Carson Traasdahl**
- D. Introduction of Clark County staff and guests: **Janice Ridondo, Liaison District B; Joe Yatson, Public Works**

II. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

- A. Adoption of Agenda. **MOTION TO ADOPT THE AGENDA. APPROVED. UNANIMOUS** (Note: Allen Johnson was not voting until his Oath of Office is submitted)
- B. Approval of draft minutes for October 15, 2014. **MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES WITH CORRECTIONS. APPROVED, UNANIMOUS**
- C. Correspondence. **Lake Mead Recreation Fee Increases.** **Gene** read the new fee schedule and **Mike** told everyone the information is available if they wished to comment.

III. REPORTS

- A. Town Advisory Board committee reports. **Mike** reported on the Moapa Valley Fire Protection District meeting: they accepted the five year plan for capital improvements, they made a change to Article V of the by-laws, there are some concerns staffing for the fair. **Greg Castle** is the new Chief.
- B. Other Standing Reports:
 - 1. Administrative Services – **Janice** asked that every one sign the attendance sheet. OHV is on the BCC agenda again next Tuesday. They have worked long and hard to make this happen and they expect approval. **Victoria** can summarize comments on the Lake Mead fee schedule if you send them to her.
 - 2. Parks & Recreation Services - **None.**
 - 3. Metro –Presented a certificate of appreciation to Heather Pratt and Brad Bush for performing CPR on a woman at the car show last year. They probably saved her life and Metro appreciates volunteers in the community such as these two.
 - 4. OHV – **Elise** stated she will be at the BCC to make comments. If we need any safety classes to get this approved, PIC will step up to offer them. There is an internal meeting with the BLM regarding OHV use in the Resource Management Plan. **Mike** took the opportunity to thank **Elise** for all her good work as a volunteer.

IV. GENERAL BUSINESS

- A. LVMPD presentation of commendations to two Moapa Valley citizens. – SEE ABOVE
- B. Review and approve 2015-2016 By-laws – **for possible action** – **Janice** stated there were no major changes. **MOVED AND SECONDED TO APPROVE AS WRITTEN. APPROVED UNANIMOUS**
- C. Discussion and action to appoint TAB members as Liaison and Committee Assignments representing Moapa Valley – **for possible action.** **MOVED AND SECONDED TO APPOINT JUDY METZ AS THE MV TAB REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MOAPA VALLEY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT. APPROVED UNANIMOUS. MOVED AND SECONDED TO APPOINT MARJORIE HOLLAND AS THE MV TAB REPRESENTATIVE TO THE 4TH OF JULY COMMITTEE. APPROVED UNANIMOUS.**
- D. Discussion of flood control measures in the Perkins to Lewis areas and when the projects will be completed – **for possible action.** **Jim Vallet** stated that since 2005 they have been evacuated three times There were meetings

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held to discuss the Flood Control Plan, but the proposed project will cause a new river through our property. Why did no one tell us the plan had changed? He stated they need the river channel fixed. **Joe Yatson** stated that the project first came about in 1989. Five options were developed and the project for the entire river is still in effect today. In 2005 they started to acquire the necessary right of way. The design calls for an embankment, but there is a break out of water by Yamashita that must be improved to contain the water and we don't have all the right of way in that area. **Loni Kesl** asked why they need to do that first as there is minimal water release there. **Joe** explained that since the water does get released there and can't get back into the river once the embankment is made, they need to fix it first. He said they can take a look at it so they can determine what impact it will have to do the lower end first. He stated there is \$11M scheduled for 2018-2019. He was asked why they were allowed to build there before the flood control project was complete. **Joe** explained they cannot stop people from building on private property as long as they follow the building codes. **Janice** asked if these are stick built homes; don't you have to do a drainage study to build a home. **Gene** stated that when you do a subdivision you must do a drainage study and they determine the finished elevation. He also explained why the river cannot be made deeper. **Ned Artz** said he gets flooded every time. He asked if you have the right of way and the money, why can't you dig it out to make it wider and deeper? **Joe** said they are not going to dig it out; they are going to be building a dyke on the west side. He said they will see if they can get some maintenance dollars to cut some of the trees out of the river. **Kevin Pratt** stated on Lewis there is a single lane with a small pipe so any debris will pile up there. He said they need to start by changing the small culvert on Lewis before any more water gets sent down. **Joe** stated they talked about there in the past, but he would have to look in to that again. **Kevin O'Toole** said that if there is all that money to buy right of way, there are probably only 20 homes along there. **Ralph Starita** said he recalls in 2007 that Robert Lewis changed the flow and was being brought up by the Federal Government because of the flooding. Nothing was done. The county should put in a rule that if your property line goes in to the stream, you have to keep it clean. **JOE WILL COME BACK TO THE BOARD WITH AN UPDATE ON THE ISSUES DISCUSSED.**

- E. Review/comment on Lake Mead National Recreation Area Foundation Document – **for possible action.** **Elise McAllister** said the comments are due on the 18th which is a very short time frame. I did talk to the Public Information Office of NPS who said they do not have to go out for comments on this document. She suggested we make comments now and ask for an extension. My suggestions for comments are to thank them for asking for comments when they don't have to. Request that the comment period be extended at least 30 days. Suggest plans focus on recreation as it is a recreation area, rather than focus on protection and conservation. Comment on Overton Beach as it's our opportunity to include it as a priority. Finally, ask for a liaison to come to the Town Boards to report on the Park Service since they are important to our economy. **AJ** said that Overton Beach is a big issue for this area and we need to get that open. **Gene** said the closed it because of the low water, but it doesn't have to have the water right there to be used. **Elise** said that traditionally it's been a primitive use area and that's what Stewart's Point is today. **Gene** you should address access and traditional use. **MOVED AND SECONDED THAT ELISE PUT THE COMMENTS TOGETHER ON THE LAKE MEAD FOUNDATION DOCUMENT FOR THE BOARD. APPROVED, UNANIMOUS.**
- F. Discussion regarding residential sprinklers – **for possible action.** **Mike** said that he has an issue with residential sprinklers due to the drought and the added expense of building a house. **Joe Davis** said that there is not a requirement for any type of back flow restriction, the Water District must take care of that since once the water goes in to this type of system, it cannot go back into the drinkable water. He said that residential systems are not tested annually like commercial systems. **MOVED AND SECONDED TO HAVE VICTORIA WRITE A LETTER FOR MIKE'S SIGNATURE TO INCLUDE THE ADDED COSTS, WATER ISSUES, BACKFLOW, AND LACK OF REGULATION. APPROVED, UNANIMOUS.**
- G. Review and approve the letter regarding the BLM Resource Management Plan comments – **for possible action** **Elise** stated she does not yet have the letter ready, but does have some items she needs to get Board feedback on. The BLM has proposed that recreational target shooting is still ok in the Logandale Wash but to close it in the Logandale Trails. **Gene** stated they shouldn't be shooting in the wash, but his issue is they shouldn't be regulating it because once you put in regulations, they just spread. They should allow us to use common sense. **Elise** asked if the Board would like to make a general comment about the local utilities not being able to get right of ways or permits; there are no utility corridors for any of the local utilities in any of the alternatives. **Gene** stated that his issue is every time they issue a RMP they add more controls and more hassles to get anything done on our **public** lands. **Elise** stated that many of our comments are in regard to water. Water is a State right and they seem to be putting in controls on water. Once the AC/EC's and scenic visual requirements go into effect, the roads must go through that filter. So have these requirements identified first will automatically reduce the number of roads and access. Do you want to make comments on solar energy? From the mesa to

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BLMS land will either be a solar zone or an AC/EC, there is no alternative that leaves it along. **Gene** stated we need a different option. We need to relax some of the issues already placed there and give some of the land back. **Elise** stated the Moapa Valley disposal lands are the same, but in alternatives 3 and 4 they have disposal lands for the Mesquite Airport. **Gene** said it's OK if Mesquite builds an airport, it probably won't happen in our life time. **Elsie** said that we are writing comments that challenge their premises. For example they have two alternatives to preserve the top of the mesa and two alternatives they say it's OK to put an airport there. So, I will add these comments to the ones we discussed at our last meeting.

V. ZONING

NONE

VI. COMMUNITY CONCERNS

A. Street lights to be repaired. **NONE**

B. Other Community Concerns & Public Comment. **Marjorie** stated that she checked with a facilities person at Parks and was told the lights that are on all night are the ones around the Park Administration Building and they are on for security reasons. **Ralph** said he knows that, but why do they have to be white. **Janice** said she would go with Ralph to the parking long and take a look at what he is talking about.

Elise thanked the Revitalization Committee for getting the new signs put up.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC

If you wish to speak on an item appearing on this agenda, public comments will be heard with each agenda item, prior to the action of the Board, after receiving recognition by the Board Chair. Comments will be limited to 3 minutes; the length may be extended by majority vote of the Board. If you wish to speak to this Board about items within its jurisdiction but not appearing on this agenda, you must wait until the "Comments by the General Public" period listed at the end of this agenda.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting is for 7 p.m. Wednesday, February 11, 2015 in the Moapa Valley Community Center, with a special call date of January 28, 2015.

The Moapa Valley Community Center is accessible to individuals with disabilities. With 24 hours advance request, a sign language interpreter may be made available (phone 702-455-3530 or TDD 702-385-7468) or Relay Nevada toll free (800) 326-6868, TT/TDD.

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